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DIRECTIONS for using the infallible RAT POWDER.

WHENEVER this powder is used, either in houses or on-board ships, it should be laid in as many different parts as possible; for, if the whole is put into one place or divided only into two or three parcels, the strongest of these vermin will voraciously eat up the whole, and drive away their companions, by which means they will only be partially destroyed, and the effect of the powder in a great measure defeated. To prevent this, let the powder be poured with a case knife through the chinks and crevices of the boards into different parts of their runs, and drop it into their holes, and behind wainscots, as diversely as possible, and strew it in upon all places frequented by them.—In barns, mills, malthouses, storehouses, and out-buildings, it should be poured under the ground-pinnings and floors, and in those parts of their runs where they are least likely to be disturbed.—In places where they are known to come out at night, the powder should be laid upon several thin slices of cheese toasted on one side, and the powder strewed upon it while it is hot, so that it may incorporate. Place these at little distances apart, so as to give all of them an opportunity of eating it; the consequence will be, that the whole premises, how much soever infested by them, will, in a short time, be totally cleared. When the powder is *partially* laid, part of the rats only will be killed, which will give a suspicion to the rest, and prevent them from touching it afterwards. When this is found to be the case, mix it up with a little fresh butter, and anoint their holes and runs therewith, which, sticking upon their coats, will occasion them to lick it off, and instantly kill them. Be careful not to lay the powder in any places accessible to children, horses, cows, hogs, dogs, or poultry; as to cats, they will not touch it; but, when mixed up with butter or cheese, they will eat it, therefore it must, at such times, be kept out of their way.

To destroy **WATER-RATS**, drop a little of the powder into their holes and runs in the banks of the river-side, taking care that it is so placed as not to be washed away by the water.

For **MICE**, half a packet of the powder should be mixed with an ounce of fresh butter, or laid on toasted cheese, which will destroy them at once using.—In barns, granaries, &c. let small pieces be stuck with the point of a knife against the rafters, beams, and timbers, where they run, and the place will soon be cleared of them.—It must be observed, that Mice are so nice in their food, that the powder must be mixed up with the sweetest butter; for, if stale or salt butter be used, they will not touch it.—Toasted cheese is generally best.

To destroy pole-cats, weasels, stoats, and other vermin, infesting farm-yards, lay it on toasted cheese in the hedges where they run, and it will certainly kill them.

 Should the Rats in any case appear timorous or shy of the Powder, and seem to want alluring, pour near the powder two or three drops of oil of Rhodium. This however should be used with caution, as it is apt to draw all the neighbouring Rats to the premises.

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